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Read the following:-

From the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, No.4/9/52-Police I, dated 4-9-1952.

ORDER:

Communicated to all district Collectors and the Commissioner of Police, Madras.

2. Collectors of districts and the Commissioner of Police, Madras, should communicate thr purport of the letter of the Government of India cited to such arms dealers (main office or branch office as the case may be) within their jurisdiction as may be affected by it.

(By order of the Governor of Madras)

M.Gacesh Rao,
Additional Deputy Secretary to Government.

To all Collectors (except the Collectors of Madras) (with encL)
" the Commissioner of Police, Madras.(with encL)
Copy to the Inspector-General of Police, Madras. (with encl.)
Copy to the Board of Revenue, Madras (with enclosure).

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Copy of letter No.4/9/52 Police I dated New Delhi-2, the 4th September 1952 from the Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi to All Part A and Part C States.

Subl Arms for Civilian Licensees.

I am directed to say that representations have been received by the Government of India to the effect that, with the imposition of the system of controlled distribution, branch offices of certain importers, have largely been deprived of business. Import licenses are issued only in favour of the Principal Officer, and branch offices, according to the policy followed by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, are not entitled to apply for or be given these licenses. The result is that whereas in pre-control days an importing firms was able to transfer freely any quantity of its stocks to a branch office in another State, this is no longer possible, and the branch office can expect no business other than what may come to it by way of local sale of second-hand weapons, sale of ammunition and sale of such "free" stock as the main office is

in a position to transfer on the expiry of the period of control. It is felt that the difficulties represented to the Government of India are genuine, and it has, therefore, been decided that with effect from September 1952 importers who have branch offices in other States should be permitted to transfer such portions as they desire of the quantities freshly imported by them during September and in subsequent months to such branches and report the fact to the Government of the State in which the main office is situated. The State Government will fix the prices of the quantities that are retained within the State by the importing office and will, as usual, send a monthly report of arrivals to the Government of India. The importing office will simultaneously report the fact of the transfer to the Government of the State in which the branch office is situated. The branch office will on receipt of the stocks, report the arrivals to the appropriate State Government which will them fix prices in the usual way and send a report to the Government of India as usual. For the purposes of allocation, of course, the entire quantity reported during a month will be treated as forming a single pool, out of whichallocation will be made to the participating States as is being done at present.

2. The transfer of stocks mentioned in the preceding paragraphs will not be permitted unless both the main office and the branch office have the same name and style.

3. It is requested that the purport of this letter may be communicated tu such arms dealers (main office or branch office as the case may be) within the State as may be affected by it.

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R Thiagarajan
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Superintendent,
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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